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Editorially Speaking

Time and circumstances have a way of working on our minds and affecting our ideals and goals. What we hold as very important one day can seem very unimportant the next. In some cases this great flexibility serves to benefit us. At certain times a project in your home or at church can take on all the importance of life itself. What a shame it would be to live with the urgency and burden of that one project for the rest of your life. Fortunately, time has a way of bringing us back to normal.

On the other hand, there are needs and burdens and urgencies which we must never let the wearing of time affect. The truths of God which he causes to burn brightly within our hearts, must continue to burn just as brightly as the years pass.

The need of telling others about Christ can lose its urgency with time. We must remain in that place before God where this cannot happen. A sanctified life can change with time and lose the value of being a testimony just because the circumstances around us change. Another of our precious spiritual heritages which can fade easily with the passing of days, is a sensitivity to the Spirit of God.

Because of this danger of change we must be strongly linked with the changeless. He is CHRIST. When we are in full and sweet communion with Him, and our changing character is influenced by His changeless character, we can steadily serve the Lord.

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The Cover Picture

With the 42nd annual Convention convening in Santa Cruz this year it is appropriate that our cover feature the Civic Auditorium there. Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, is District Council speaker.



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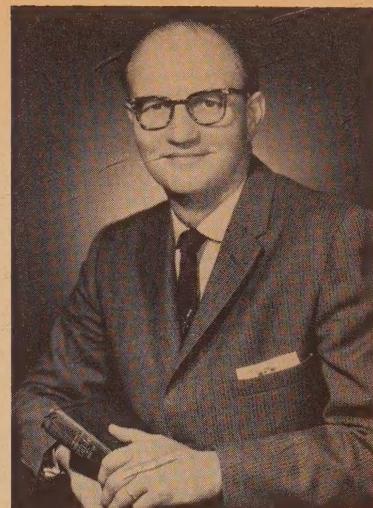
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What's New

by

Jack R. Edgar

District Secretary-Treasurer



There will be new cars, clothes and appliances for 1960, but soon all of the new things of this year will be old in the rush of another coming year.

Isn't it wonderful for Christians to have in their hearts something that will never grow old or fade away but continues to be sweeter and richer as the years roll by.

While the Bible speaks of a new birth, new heart, a new song, the message of the Gospel is as old as the Bible itself. Two verses, 57 and 58 in I. Cor. 15 gives us the purpose and resolves we need for the coming New Year — "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

The constant and bitter battle of Satan, the world and modern anemic approach to the things of God cause us to look again and again to our Fundamentals. In any athletic sport if the best results are not being obtained the answer usually lies in reviewing again the basic and elementary steps which will then lead on to victory.

I believe we need to reaffirm these fundamentals again and again. We are constantly being attacked on every side. The enemy of God is relentless but we have and are promised certain victory.

Francis Scott Key and a friend one night rowed their small skiff out to one of the British battleships that lay off shore from Ft. McHenry. The battle was on. Our beloved land, flag and liberties were at stake. These two men were on a mission of mercy.

The English Commander took them aboard the warship, listened to their appeal and then informed them that they would have to remain aboard ship the rest of the night as they were going to begin a bombardment of the Fort.

All through the darkness of the night, Francis Scott Key and his friend strained their eyes and prayed for our beloved land. Bombs bursting, rockets and shell fire kept up a constant barrage. Finally at the dawn's early light, the two Americans could see that amidst the smoke and fire, the Stars and Stripes were still flying. The Flag was still there, waving over the land of the free and the home of the brave. Read the words of the "Star Spangled Banner" over again.

I wish that all of our churches would fly from all four corners the Fourfold message we have. Let the first flag be raised with the blood red letters upon it and a white background — SALVATION! It never grows old. Every person must be born again. This miraculous, marvelous experience is still needed in modern America. Confession of sin to Christ, asking for His forgiveness, believing on Him as your Saviour and receiving the imputation of righteousness by His Spirit and cleansing by the blood.

Some of the cannon shots at this flag come from so-called religious men. A professor of Pastoral Care in a certain seminary in Kentucky says, "It shows spiritual immaturity when one speaks and testifies of a remarkable change that has occurred in one's inner being." Regardless of what men say, let us keep this flag flying. The world needs this message and experience.

The second flag we need to keep flying high is the one written in large

white letters upon a sky blue field — "THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT." This sacred personal experience where the very breath of God comes upon and in the soul until we have what Acts 2:4 relates, "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spake in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" is needed today. I've seen doctors, a psychiatrist, preachers, and farmers receive this apostolic experience.

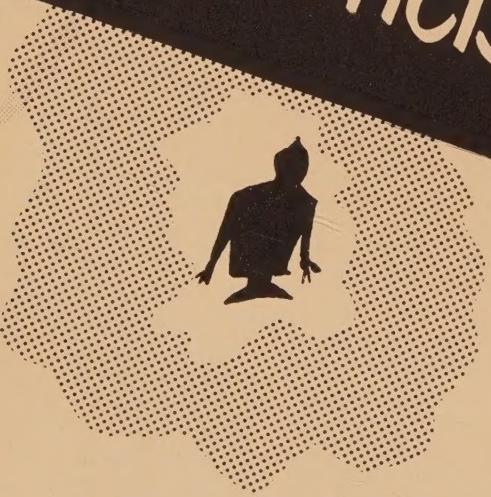
Our third flag is in letters of gold upon purple. "DIVINE HEALING." Diety and Lordship. God said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." How many lives, families and communities have been changed because we fly this flag for Christ? It is the Lord that heals and raises people up. Men try to take this glory to themselves but let us give all the glory to Jesus.

The last and fourth flag is one that has a rainbow of colors. "THE COMING AGAIN OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST." This is the crowning event for all the saints of all ages. Everyone who really believes this keeps close to God and keeps seeking God. We need to be as Enoch who walked with God and was not for God took him.

Anti-Christian Communism has increased 400% in the last 15 years. Over 800,000,000 people are under the flag of the hammer and cycle. The rise of crime and sin can only point to the fulfillment of the last days, and we know He shall return and gather all the redeemed ones home. We shall all go into the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Into God's great Banqueting Hall and His Flag over us than shall be "LOVE."

Let us unfurl our banner and march forward for Christ in 1960!

WHAT TO DO WITH NEGATIVE CRITICISM



by James R. Swanson

Pastor, Bethel Church, Hayward

From PULPIT MAGAZINE

He was in the public eye . . . His name was a byword around the world. He was denounced as a hypocrite, an imposter, a murderer. A newspaper cartoon depicted him on a guillotine, the big knife ready to cut off his head. Crowds jeered at him and hissed him as he rode through the streets. He was probably one of the most criticised

men of his day. Who was he? . . . His name was George Washington.

Whenever anyone endeavors to do something, he may rest assured he will be criticised. Particularly is this true in a church. Criticism is usually a defense mechanism, utilized to bolster ones ego or to give one a sense of self-esteem* of someone else. Chronic fault-finding, belittling the

*by lowering the self-esteem.

other fellow, nagging, are all symptoms of low self-esteem. As someone has so aptly said, "You have to be little to belittle." In order to escape the conviction in ones own heart for spiritual laziness, people criticise the active one for doing a job.

As pastors and leaders in our church there is absolutely nothing we can do to avoid some kind of criticism. We are ministering to people in all walks of life, with various levels of intelligence. What appeals to one, does not appeal to the other. Examine the "letters to the editor" column of any magazine or newspaper. One man in writing about an article says, "Cancel my subscription," then someone else says, "The best article on the subject I have ever read." So, let's face it, we are going to be criticised. Criticised if we do and criticised if we don't.

Dale Carnegie says, "No one ever kicked a dead dog," and the more important the dog, the more pleasure people get out of kicking him.

Jesus traveled with twelve disciples. They became his most intimate friends. One of the twelve turned traitor, another openly deserted him the moment he got in too serious trouble. One out of six gave him trouble. Why should you and I expect to do any better.

The Bible says there was not a greater man in all Israel than Moses. Yet we read over and over again in the Scriptures — "And the people murmured against Moses."

So, we can't avoid criticism. As long as we keep active for God and seek to extend His Kingdom, — just so long, people will continue to criticise us.

If it can't be avoided, we must learn how to handle it. Of course some criticism is JUST and we should take it to heart and let it help us. I am particularly concerned though with the UNJUST criticism we receive.

We should realize that we can't spend our time trying to pacify those that criticise. By trying to fix it up with one person, we usually get in wrong with someone else.

Let us realize that our MAIN TASK, first and foremost, is to *please God*. Do what God wants us to do. Then if we are sure we have done this, we must close our minds to the criticism and ignore it completely. We must make up our mind that we would rather hear the Master's "WELL DONE," than win the favor of all the people, and in most cases,

it is impossible to do both.

So, let's seek to PLEASE GOD, do what God wants us to do in the task for which He has called us. Then let the people criticise if they will.

I am reminded of a story I read a long time ago; In a railroad station on a rainy day the gate keeper made every one stop before going on the platform, put down their suitcases on the wet pavement, stand in the rain and show their ticket. One by one,

he insisted this be done. People were angry, they called him all the names they could think of. He, stone-faced, ignoring completely all their barbs and criticisms, insisted on seeing each ticket. Finally one man near the end of the line, said to him, "You're not very popular around here, are you?" The conductor answered, "No, not around here, but my boss told me just the other day, I was soon to get a promotion because I was the best

gate keeper in the company."

So we, as leaders, sometimes find that in carrying out the King's orders we cannot gain the favor of all the people or keep them happy. . . But we must endeavor in all things, to gain the favor and smile of approval from our Heavenly Father.

So then, let us do our God given duties as we see them. The God whom we trust with our soul is well able to take care of our reputation.

Credential Candidates

The following candidates for ministerial recognition and for change of status have been interviewed by the Credentials Interviewing Committees. They are being recommended to the District Credentials Committee for approval and final ratification at the District Council in February. All newly approved credentials are effective March 15, 1960.

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Wilhelmina Emma Ives

Bethany Holds Missions Convention

With a record pledge to missions of \$2,700.00, the annual Bethany Bible College Missionary Convention was held this year from December 8th to 12th. It is considered by many

Mildred L. Baughman
Charles E. Baughman
Carl Bowles

Placed on Active List:
Albert Turner — Ordained

ORDAINED
August Huff
Albert Kuebler

Eldridge Appointed C.E.P. Representative

According to announcement made by Rev. E. Wm. Anderson, District C.E.P. Representative, the Rev. Virgil T. Eldridge, has been appointed to the post of Sectional C.E.P. representative.

Rev. Eldridge's territory includes the Lake-Mendocino and Redwood Sections. Pastors interested in church financing may contact Brother Eldridge for further information. He is well qualified to fill this position and assist the pastors and churches of the mentioned areas. He has successfully used this finance plan to build a beautiful church parsonage in Weott (Redwood Section), while pastoring this church.

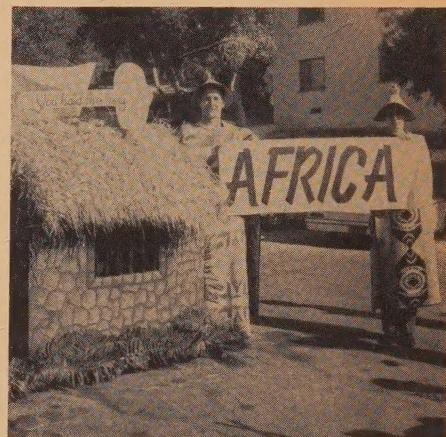
Rev. V. T. Eldridge can be reached at the following address: Miranda, California.

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The Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department is currently distributing 225,000 copies of Global Conquest in an effort to inform friends on the denomination's foreign program.

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During 1958 nearly 100 persons who were saved through reading a single issue of The Pentecostal Evangel contacted the editor and received further guidance.



The Winning Float.

one of the finest conventions yet at Bethany, which is traditionally a strong missions school.

Two guest speakers were chosen to address the student body during the Convention. They were Robert J. Renfroe, missionary to West Africa, and Harold S. Lehmann also of West Africa. The Spirit of the Lord moved in a wonderful way among the student body in all the services. Both of the men ministered with real anointing. Much of their preaching dealt with practical phases of missionary work.

On Thursday evening an offering and pledges were taken. When all the figures were compiled a total of more than \$2,700.00 was registered. This is an all-time record for missions giving at a Bethany convention.

With the sound of marching feet and the beat of drums, the first missionary parade at B.B.C. made its way through the campus on Tuesday morning. Each prayer band was represented by its float entry. They were designed to depict the need of the continent or area which they represented. After the shouting and waving of banners was over, it was determined that the Africa Prayer Band won first place.

News from Our Churches -

ALVARADO (UNION CITY) —

Pastor R. E. Hawkins reports a recent revival with former District Superintendent Leonard Palmer. Souls were saved.

AUBURN —

First Assembly was host to the Teen Talent Contest in November. Speaker for the evening was Paul Trulin, pastor in Vallejo. G. C. Sturgeon is pastor.

CAMPBELL —

Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warrens held a week of Youth services in November. Herbert Johnson is pastor.

CARMICHAEL —

First Assembly enjoyed the ministry of the Byers Evangelistic Team in November. A number were filled with the Spirit. The pastor is L. W. Suter.

CHICO —

Sacramento Valley Sectional Fellowship meeting for November heard guest speakers Pastors Vernon Mayhall of Stirling City and Dave Hood of Corning. Other speakers for the month included Eddie Washington and missionaries David Schmidt and John Franklin. Chico First Assembly won Third Prize in the Float Division of the Community Christmas Parade. E. L. Cole is pastor.

CHOWCHILLA —

South San Joaquin Valley Section held a Minister's Institute Nov. 23 and went on record as desiring the C.A. Rallies of that section to be evangelically slanted. Opportunities for get-togethers to exchange ideas are to be provided. Concern was expressed of Sunday services being neglected for amusement and pleasure. The ministers resolved to give themselves to prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on these churches. Report submitted by Pastor A. H. Drake of Kerman.

FAIRFIELD —

An official installation service was held Dec. 7 for Pastor Leonard Palmer by Assistant Superintendent R. A. Wilson and Presbyter Wm. Vickery. Speakers for the morning and afternoon were R. A. Wilson and former pastor and builder, C. R. Tucker. The official board requested that Mrs.

Palmer assume the duties of the associate pastor. Dec. 15 Fairfield was host to the North Bay Sectional Fellowship Meeting.

LODI —

First Assembly observed their 2nd Annual Missionary Convention Nov. 12-15. Special speakers included the Riley Kaufmans, Walter Ericksons, Ernie Reb, John Franklin, George Effman and John McPherson. Gene Forrest is pastor.

LOS GATOS —

Evangelist Oran Duncan held a special meeting for Pastor Kelsey Prinzing in November.

MODESTO —

South Modesto Assembly had special meetings with Evangelist V. H. Ray of Oklahoma recently. The pastor is J. W. Sandlin.

OAKLAND —

Calvary Temple heard guest speakers Stanley Michael of Revivaltime and District Secretary Jack Edgar recently. The East Bay Union Thanksgiving service speaker was District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart. Bethany Bible College Choir brought special music.

PACIFIC GROVE —

Pastor Leonard Weston and the First Pentecostal Church were hosts to the Coast Counties Fellowship Meeting Nov. 30. Evangelist Lloyd Christiansen and Stanley Michael of Revivaltime were speakers. The Minister's Institute heard Ralph Harer speak on Central America.

RIO LINDA —

Pastor J. C. Browning reports their new church started last February and is now in a building fund raising program. A new Sunday School record was set in November.

RICHMOND —

Full Gospel Temple enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Tommy Barnett in November. J. Boyd Wolverton is pastor.

ROSEVILLE —

First Assembly heard guest speakers Stanley Michael of Revivaltime and Chaplain Harry Warwick recently. Robert Pirtle is pastor.

SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple heard missionaries

REVIVAL AT MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Rev. Donald Price, Principal of the Monte Vista Christian School in Watsonville, reports that the school experienced a real manifestation of the Holy Spirit in November. The faculty and students have been praying for a true revival in the school. The spirit began to move on Sunday night as Evangelist June Gerrard of Los Altos ministered. In the student prayers on Monday and Tuesday two students received the baptism.

Wednesday the three day fall Revival with Pastor Phil Lindvall of San

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John Franklin and the Riley Kaufmans in November. Clyde Henson is pastor.

SALINAS —

Calvary Assembly heard John Stetz representing Korea recently. December 4-6 James Stewart of South Africa, student at Bethany Bible College was speaker. Special music was furnished by the College. Ray Oliver is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO —

Glad Tidings Temple welcomed the newly elected pastor, Floyd W. Thomas at an installation service conducted by District Secretary Jack Edgar Nov. 29.

SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple Pastor Kermit Jeffrey exchanged pulpits with Richmond Full Gospel Pastor J. Boyd Wolverton recently. An exchange service was also enjoyed by the two choirs. The following week Pastor Wolverton spoke in the services at Calvary. Other guest speakers heard recently are W. L. Williams of Chicago and James Stewart of South Africa.

SUNNYVALE —

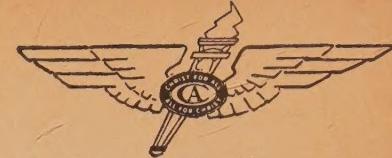
First Assembly observed their 2nd Annual Missionary Convention Nov. 19-22. Speakers included George Effman, Superintendent of North American Indians; John and Mildred Green presenting Home Missions; Lydia Craner and Mildred Ginn of South India and Harold Lehmann of Africt, Walter and Ruth Erickson of Peru represented Foreign Missions. James Stewart of South Africa represented the fruit of Missionary Evangelism. Ralph Hillegas is pastor.

UKIAH —

Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting for November speakers were Pastors Harold Persing of Willows and Sam Sanders of Fortuna. The pastor is Cornish Jones and Presbyter is Kenneth Bird.



Christ's Ambassadors



Walt Boring, D-Cap

What's In A Name

by Walt Boring

Have you ever wondered about your name? I don't mean your first name or your last name, I mean the name you accepted after you gave your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's a funny thing, but the Lord quite often gives people new names after they are saved. You will remember that He changed Saul of Tarsus' name to Paul. This came as quite a surprise to the Apostle. He was a big man in the world, and was doing big things, but suddenly he wasn't so big anymore. Not even his name, because his new name, in the Greek meant "little." It's strange though, to note that Paul never was really "little" because he turned out to be a big man after his conversion, actually bigger than he was before. But his bigness was in his "littleness." He wanted to be little so that he could make the Lord Jesus look big, so as a result, he became one of the Lords most efficient writers of the Gospel and unquestionably the greatest preacher of all time. So, there really is something in a name at that.

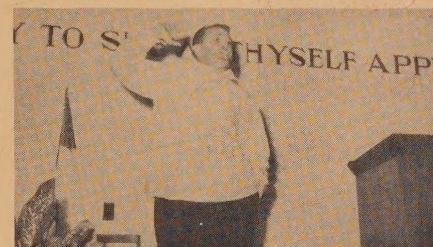
But your name. The one you received after your conversion. That name is the old familiar name so common to us that it is almost a household term, "Christ' Ambassador." Does it mean anything to you? Have you ever wondered if it should mean something special to you? Well, it most certainly does. This name was given to you by the Lord Himself and He wants to make sure that you know what it means.

He wants you to know that you, as His Ambassador, are His personal representative, agent, solicitor and salesman. Everything that He is, you are supposed to become, so that you are not merely His spokesman, but for all practical purposes to the world about you, you are Him, in person. I'll explain it this way. The unsaved world about you looks at you and your life and sees the only Jesus Christ that it ever sees, reads the only Bible it ever reads, is affected by Christ's saving power in the only way it possibly could. So, to be an Ambassador of Jesus Christ is to be like Him in every way. It's in the name and don't forget it. It's your name.

C. A. PREACHES ON THE MISSION FIELD

Reverend Bob Pruitt, one of our young Assembly of God ministers, has just returned from a fruitful preaching tour of the Philippine Islands.

He reports that the Pentecostal revival fires, that have made the Assembly of God the largest Protestant denomination in the Philippines, are still burning brightly. His ministry was eagerly received in the many Islands of the Philippines where he



held revivals during his three months journey.

One of the highlights of his tour was the revival he held in Cebu City, at the Cebu Bible Institute. Note the picture of the Christ's Ambassador orchestra that played nightly during the Cebu revival. Rev. Pruitt is pictured preaching in one of the beautiful native shirts of the Philippines.



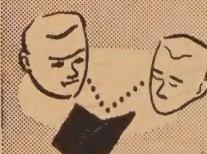
Mileage In Macedonia

SPEED-THE-LIGHT does it again. Our Missionaries to Greece, Brother and Sister George Goomas send us the wonderful report that since receiving their Speed-the-Light car, a brand new Skoda purchased by our District Christ's Ambassadors in 1959, they have been able to step up their entire missionary program.

They alone are now serving the entire Macedonian area with ease. They have also been able to establish a "national" worker in the city of Kavalla (Neopolis) who is getting a good work started there. Brother and Sister Goomas pastored in our District before going to Greece as missionaries.

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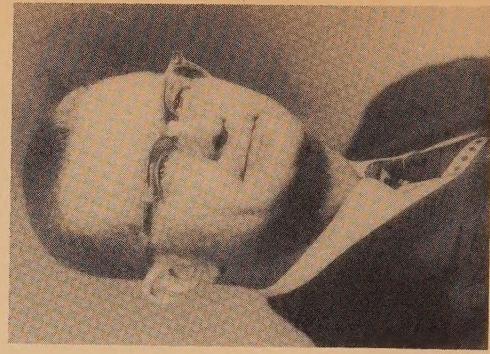
Program Schedule

MONDAY, February 29 —

10:00 a. m. District Presbyters' Meeting
7:00 p. m. CA Rally — Thomas F. Zimmerman, speaker

TUESDAY, March 1 —

10:00 a. m. Annual WMC Devotional — Mrs. Floyd Woodworth, speaker
1:00 p. m. Annual Penny Parade
2:30 p. m. Council Opening
7:00 p. m. OPENING RALLY — Featuring Home & Foreign Missions



Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman

General Superintendent

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium



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THURSDAY, March 3 —

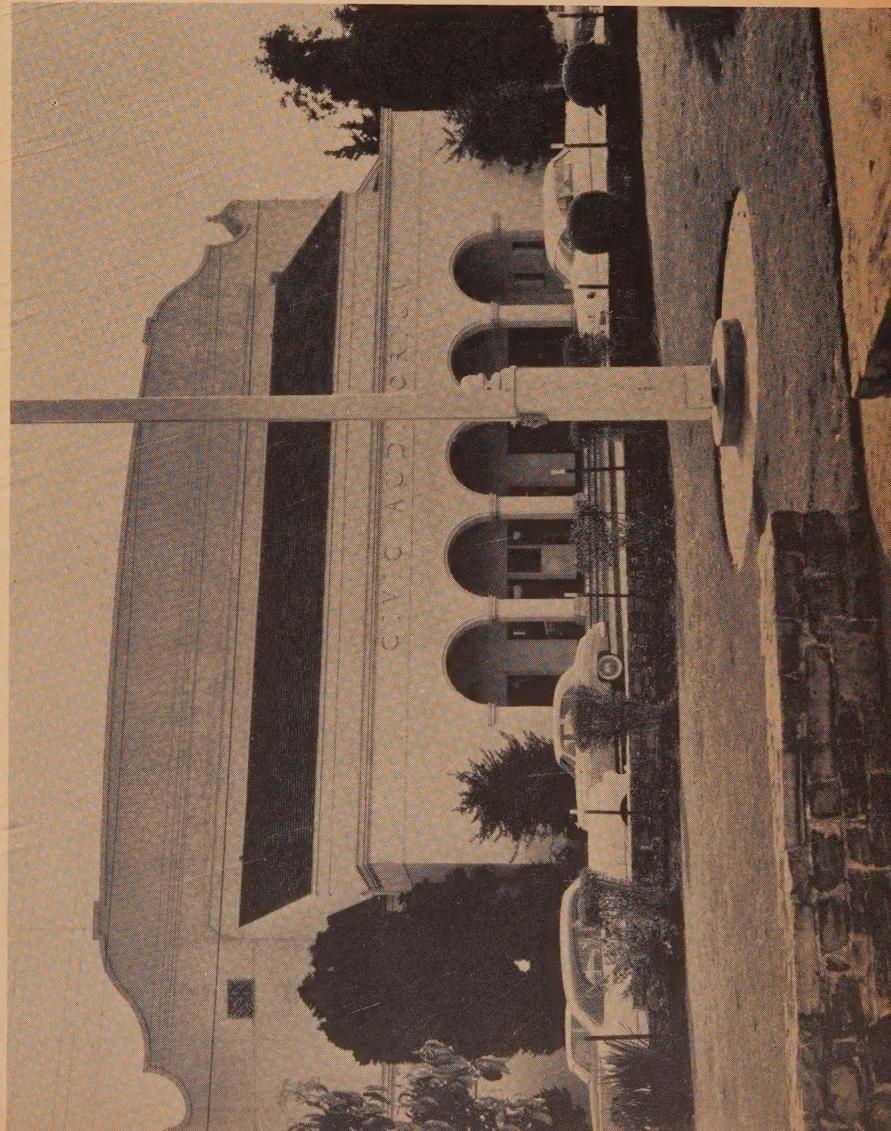
- 9:45 a. m. Devotional Service
- 10:00 a. m. Business Session
- 1:45 p. m. Devotional Service
- 2:00 p. m. Business Session
- 7:00 p. m. EVENING RALLY — Ordination Service
Thomas F. Zimmerman, speaker

FRIDAY, March 4 —

- 9:45 a. m. Devotional Service
- 10:00 a. m. Business Session
- 12:00 noon Adjournment

1:45 p. m. Devotional Service
2:00 p. m. Business Session
7:00 p. m. EVENING RALLY — Featuring Bethany Bible College and
District Sunday School Department
Thomas F. Zimmerman, speaker

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Missionaries Abroad

BRAZIL —

Antonette Johnson writes of her safe return from the States after placing the boys in school here. She arrived Sept. 25 and was on hand to care for her new grandson and his mother Oct. 14. The work in Varginha under the supervision of Bernard Johnson is progressing. People are being saved and healed.

CENTRAL AMERICA —

Arthur and Janie Lindvall, San Salvador, El Salvador recently made a trip to Chuquillo for a fellowship meeting. A 60 mile ride by car, 5 miles on foot and 3 by horse or mule by the missionaries and natives walking 8 to 13 miles to attend.

FIJI ISLANDS —

Adrian and Charlotte Heetebry, Suva, Fiji write the revival in 1958, the greatest Suva has ever experienced continues with souls at the altar nearly every Sunday in 1959. Natives are taking an active part in this evangelism and results are being seen.

HAWAII —

Glen and Ruth McCollister, Kailua, Oahu report a busy and profitable summer with the best V.B.S. a revival meeting and outstanding conventions and Holy Spirit Baptisms. A Kid' Krusade, the annual convention and a C.A. Convention followed.

INDIA —

John Wright, Bangalore reports his wife Eunice has been ill with typhoid fever since September. She is recovering slowly.

INDIA —

Eileen Edwards, Hardoi, U. P. had

Missionaries

At Home

KAUFMAN, RILEY

Brother Kaufman was scheduled to sail for Okinawa the first part of January. Mrs. Kaufman and daughters will be remaining in Pacific Mission Villa at Santa Cruz for a number of months until adequate housing can be secured in Okinawa.

KREISS, MISS INEZ

Sister Kreiss is rejoicing that she is now able to start on her itineration. She will begin in the Shasta section about the middle of January and the Sacramento Valley Section the first part of February.

LUCE, PIPKIN, W. ERICKSEN

The Luces, Pipkins, and Ericksons are to be the featured missionaries in a missionary convention at the First Assembly of God in Eureka the first part of January.

a busy summer of ministry and is now doing evangelistic work. She plans on returning to Bible School teaching as the Lord directs.

SOUTH AFRICA —

Lewis and Lenore Wilson, Transvaal write the African Bible Training Institute opened with an enrollment of 93 and more to arrive later. Both old and new men's dorms are filled and the women's dorm is so packed applicants have been asked to wait for admission until February. Dorms have been improved, closets built, tables and chests-of-drawers purchased, walks connecting the buildings poured and shrubs planted.

SOUTH AMERICA —

Arthur Erickson, Pucallpa, Peru reports a real move for God there. In two near by churches ten have received the Holy Spirit. It seems God is raising up Spanish speaking people to work among the tribesmen. An intensive Bible Training program is being carried on.

AFRICA —

Paul Bruton, Tanganyika writes of mass evangelism among the Moshi. The gospel tent intended for services is being used for personal instruction after the alter call. Pray for God's help in reaching the people.

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Men's Fellowship



WALT HANSON, President



What Men's Fellowship Has Done For My Church

by FLOYD W. THOMAS

Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco

I'm enthused about the Men's Fellowship program as it is now being conducted in our District. I think we are fortunate indeed, to have as its head Mr. Walt Hanson who for years has been a successful businessman and an active layman in our Assemblies of God program. It is a real privilege to have the opportunity to speak on "What Men's Fellowship Has Done For My Church." I'd like to begin by revealing what used to be a heartache to me.

Having returned from a mission field that was making great strides forward through the devoted efforts of African laymen, it was somewhat of a shock to me to see the apathy that existed among the men of some of our churches at home. I had to pray long and earnest before I could accept a call to this sort of thing. After accepting a pastorate, and finding some of the men in a state of spiritual indolence, I felt somewhat like Nehemiah must have felt as he surveyed the fallen wall of Jerusalem. There was a lot of work to be done. There was a splendid group of women. They attended the prayer meetings, repaired the church, supported the missionaries and could be depended upon in many ways. The young people attended their services faithfully, but the problem lay with the men. They weren't vitally participating in the program of the church.

Nehemiah, after surveying the fallen walls, had the men repair their own houses. "Next repaired Jedaith . . . even over against his house." Men are the head of the house. They have been given the divine right of leadership in the church. The more I thought about this the more impressed I became that we needed a men's organization in our church. After organizing, I can't say that the men's meetings themselves were outstanding, but something began to happen

in our church. The men requested prayer meetings each Saturday night. One man said that he thought something needed to be done to stimulate our Sunday School growth; so he bought and donated a bus to the church. The Sunday School immediately began to grow. Another group of men decided to re-upholster the sanctuary seats. Several men came to the Sunday School superintendent and volunteered to teach classes.

The high-light of our men's program dates back about three months when we invited Mr. Walt Hanson to conduct a service for us on a Sunday night. This man has a fine message, delivered with a humble and anointed spirit. At the altar service, there wasn't a dry eye in the church and the men, especially, were praying for God to use them for His glory. Something started that night. Young men received the baptism, the Sunday School increased 20 percent that month, and the church received a great percentage of its years income in a six weeks period of time. Real revival should effect every part of the church program; and it seems that anointed, dedicated men are moving ahead with God and are being a blessing to the entire church program.

The most remarkable event of all is that the men have decided that they do not want dinner meetings each month. Rather, they want to divide their meetings into three types. One meeting will be a class on personal soul winning. The next will be an activity night. They will go to a rescue mission, street meeting, or participate in a visitation program. The dinner meeting will be quarterly at which time an all out drive for unsaved men will be made. Also, they have set up a scholarship fund for young people who are unable to attend Bible college due to financial inability.

I believe that any district will make great strides, local churches will advance, and revival will exist if a pastor and his men will organize a Men's Fellowship under anointed leadership, with soul-winning as the underlying purpose.

How can you organize? Call in your sectional director if you have one. Ask a pastor or layman of another group to explain the purpose of Men's Fellowship and tell what it has done for them. A great future is ahead for the Assemblies of God with men repairing this gap in the wall around Jerusalem.

The Person Next Door

Miss Manning loved a missionary. Before he left for India, he wrote her and asked her to marry him; if she sent no answer, he would consider it a refusal.

She wrote her acceptance at once. Since it was a pouring wet day, her brother offered to take the letter to the post office.

She never saw her lover again. Later she heard he had married someone else. Twenty-five years later the Manning family moved to a new house; in the moving, an old coat of her brother's was found. When the pockets were turned inside out, there was the letter, yellow and crumpled; it had never reached the man she loved.

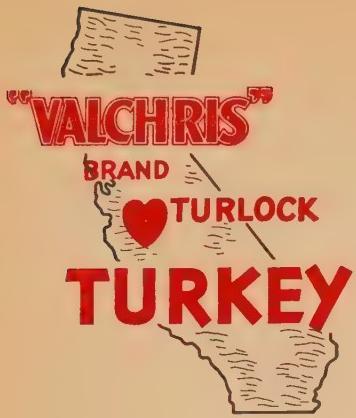
God has given every believer a love letter to the person next door. Is it still in your pocket?

Give a copy of the Gospel of John, or a New Testament, or even a tract, telling of God's love in the gift of His Son.

It is possible for that neighbor to be united to Christ by faith. The Apostle Paul said: "ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead . . ." (Romans 7:4)

Possibly the neighbor does not know that God loves him and that "Christ died for our sins" and that salvation is by grace through faith, without works.

The letter that remains in your pocket will do no good. Take it out, give it away with a prayer for God's blessing on it. —Tom Olson in NOW.



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Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths.
Prov. 3:5-6.



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Time a Talent

by

Harriet Wilson

In Solomon's description of the perfect woman he writes, "She eateth not the bread of idleness." Certainly it will take industry to fill the role of wife, mother, keeper of the home and find time for Christian service beside. The twenty-four hours at her disposal might be compared to the talents in the Bible. The Lord will demand an accounting.

The responsibility of wife to husband must be considered, for he is the counterpart of her being, and she will remember his wishes and think of his comfort.

Time must be allowed for children, who, through no wish or act of their own, were brought into this world. To teach, train and pray her children

into the Kingdom and into an adjusted useful life, is every mother's duty.

In addition, the woman is the keeper of the home. No career, hobby or Christian service may be substituted. To constantly neglect this God-ordained haven called home, is unforgiveable.

Last, but no less important, is one's own position before God. Time must be taken to seek God, His will and blessing. To please Him will include the sacrifice of time, effort, luxury and self-indulgence.

Are you such a woman?

These are the basic thoughts Sister Wilson presented at a luncheon in the East Bay Section. —Ed.



Pennies for Heaven

Never under estimate a penny,
Tho' it's worth be oh so small,
The thing that matters is how many
Will rally to the call.

For there is strength in unity
Where all together stand,
With eyes towards Opportunity
Marching closely hand in hand.

Ferne Murray.

We trust you are saving your pennies for WMC day, March 1st. These pennies purchase New furniture for New churches in New areas.

February 28 Set As W.M.C. Day

February 28, 1960, has been chosen as the date for National WMC Day. At that time hundreds of assemblies across the nation will join in honoring approximately 60,000 WMC's and 12,000 Missionaries. The theme for National WMC Day is: "So Send I You." Our many missionaries at home and abroad along with pastors and district officials testify to the great blessing the WMC's have been through their many hours of prayer and work. The ill, the aged and the needy have benefited because this great host of women and girls has been ready and willing to help whenever a need arises.

Suggested program material for the special service on National WMC Day has been prepared and will be sent to local WMC presidents on January 8. Each local church received a letter from the National Office the early part of November along with a free

supply of dime cards which have been designed to help save a dime a week for the twelve weeks preceding WMC Day. On National WMC Day they will be placed in the special offering and sent to Springfield for the support of the National WMC Department.

Visual aid to be used with the suggested program is again available at cost along with badges bearing the theme. For further particulars consult the program booklet which each group should receive around January 15. Any WMC group not receiving its material by this date should request the material from the National WMC Department.

To order materials or for further information write to the National WMC Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Cash must accompany all orders.



PERSONAL MENTION

ZELMA ARGUE has been ministering in the Fiji Islands. Two weeks were spent in Pago Pago, some time in Western Samoa and some in Suva, Fiji.

PAUL COUCHMAN is the new pastor at Monta Vista Christian School Assembly of God.

PASTOR BOB HARRISON of Emmanuel Temple, San Francisco has been preaching in Europe since October and is to return to the States the last of January. He writes that he is the first American Negro to conduct Evangelistic Crusades in Europe. God is honoring his ministry and spectacular healings have taken place. He has ministered in Berlin, Karlsruhe and Stuttgart and will also be with Richard Ruff in Zurich. Pray for God's continued blessing.

IRA VAN HOUTEN, Espanola, New Mexico is busy working among the Indians. Literature is given out and pueblos visited. People are responsive. Attending the fall missionary convention in Albuquerque was an inspiration and the fellowship appreciated. Finances are needed to remodel the church building and make it usable.

Revival at Monte Vista

(Continued from Page 6)

Jose began. The meetings were extended to seven consecutive nights as 11 received the baptism and 16 received definite refillings. The altars were crowded each night as students prayed for each other.

The most beautiful sight of the revival was the manner in which each one seeking for the Baptism or a refilling of the Spirit was adopted by 2 or 3 student prayer warriors. The scene of teenage altar workers weeping beside the seekers thrilled everyone on the campus.

Even after the special meetings

Mrs. Park Taken Home

Mrs. C. T. Park of Taft, mother of Mrs. Ruth E. Gerhart, went home to be with the Lord on Christmas Day. Mrs. Park was a resident of Taft and very active in the Assembly of God there since 1926. She had made the acquaintance of many in this District.

closed four more students were definitely stirred in their lives. The spirit of prayer and spiritual fervor continues in the school.

The two sons of Missionary Bernard Johnson Sr. of Brazil received the Baptism during this revival.

Students of the school number 15 from pastors families, 20 from missionary families, 33 from other Assembly of God families and 30 from non Assembly of God homes. The entire faculty and staff are Assemblies of God.

Brother Paul Couchman Jr. is school chaplain to all the students while they are at school as well as pastor of the campus church. Brother Paul Couchman Sr., well known throughout our district, is Dean of Men. Evangelist Trini Duran is Dean of Women. Other educationally qualified ministers and evangelists serve as faculty members.



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Sunday School Department

DAVE COLBERT, Director



Fortuna Enlargement Campaign Sets New Record



Superintendent Caldwell.

The Assembly of God Church at Fortuna is rejoicing over the good increase in attendance as a result of their 1959 Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. The Attendance Record was broken the first Sunday of the campaign and increased each Sunday of the month, reaching 153 the last Sunday. Sunday School Supt. Voyd C. Caldwell states, "We give God all the Glory, and may He bless each one of the faithful workers that helped during the campaign."

The Fortuna Assembly of God has been in their beautiful new building at 1736 Newburg Rd. since February 15, of this year. It has enjoyed a steady growth in Sunday School attendance each month. The average attendance for the month of October was 139. This is an increase of 53 over the average for October one year ago. For this we praise the Lord. The pastor is Samuel L. Sanders.

The Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade provides Christian literature for the world. The funds received on BGMC Day, February 7, will be used to send literature to the countries of Latin America. Be sure your church participates on BGMC Day!

1960 International

All indications thus far promise that 1960 will bring one of the finest Assemblies of God Sunday school conventions on record. May 3-5 has been circled on calendars all over the world as dates for an important event—the 1960 International Sunday School Convention. An appropriate theme, "Teach All Nations," has been chosen for this world-wide convention.

Here in the district office we are quite enthusiastic about attending the 1960 International. We are hoping every church in our district will send a delegation to Minneapolis, Minnesota, the convention city. The Curtis Hotel has been selected as headquarters hotel and the Municipal Auditorium in downtown Minneapolis will be the meeting place.

In planning ahead for this great convention, consider the possibility of chartering a bus to send your church delegation. By doing this you can send a larger delegation and cut down on travel expense. Why not plan to enjoy three days of inspiration and know-how? Over 10,000 are expected to attend the 1960 conventional!



1960 INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

For Sunday school inspiration and know-how, attend this great worldwide convention which convenes in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 3-5, 1960!

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Latin America to Receive BGMC Giving

BGMC Day is February 7! This year Latin America will receive the gospel literature offerings which come in. In keeping with the Five-Year Plan of Advance, the BGMC theme is again "The Word for the

World." The offering goal is set at \$20,000.

Your church can win one of the 13 trophies that will be awarded on BGMC Day. Nine trophies will be presented to the churches having outstanding BGMC offerings on February 7. These awards are presented according to the Sunday school attendance average. There will also be four district awards this year — two for total giving and two based on per capita giving.

Every church in our district should participate in the BGMC program. For further information write:

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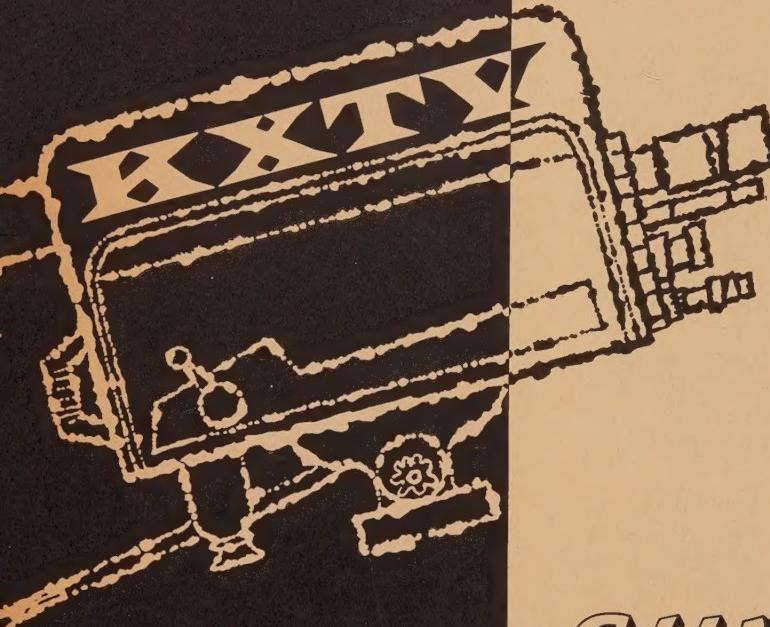
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